

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of operating a gas turbine engine which powers an aircraft, said engine having a lubrication sump which vents air through a vent which produces an exit pressure at the exit of the vent, comprising:

- a) running the engine at idle; ~~and simultaneously~~
- ~~b) reducing said exit pressure~~
- b) maintaining an eductor in fluid communication with said vent, which eductor:
 - i) reduces pressure in said vent when actuated, and
 - ii) includes a flow restrictor downstream of said vent; and
- c) actuating said eductor during idle operation, so as to reduce said exit pressure.

2. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~reducing~~ actuating of paragraph ~~(b)~~ (c) comprises ducting a compressor discharge bleed to a nozzle of the ~~an~~ eductor ~~connected to the vent, to thereby draw air through the vent.~~

3. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
~~e) d) terminating the reduction of exit pressure~~ reducing of paragraph (b) when flow through the vent exceeds a floor.

- 4 . (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:
- ~~e) d) raising speed of the engine; and~~
 - ~~d) e) terminating the reduction of exit pressure~~ reducing of paragraph (b).

5-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~[[20]]~~, and further comprising:

~~e) maintaining a flow restrictor downstream of the sump vent; and~~

d) maintaining the eductor in a de-actuated state at cruise speed.

22. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~[[21]]~~, wherein the flow restrictor is within the a mixing throat of the eductor.

23. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:

~~e) d) terminating the reduction of said exit pressure reducing of said pressure~~ during cruise operation.

24. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 23, and further comprising:

~~d) e)~~ during cruise operation, using ~~[[a]]~~ the flow restrictor to reduce flow through the vent below that which would occur in the absence of the flow restrictor.

25. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 1, and further comprising:

~~e) maintaining an eductor in fluid communication with said vent; and~~

d) using the eductor to maintain fluid flow through the vent above a predetermined minimum, said fluid flow being accompanied by said reducing of pressure.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim 4 [[27]], and further comprising:
e) f) at cruise speeds, restricting flow through said vent.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously presented): Method according to claim 4, wherein the terminating accompanies the raising.

33. (Previously presented): Method according to claim 1, wherein the sump is gravity fed.